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SUBJ: OPERATION KING GRAIN - PERSONNEL ACCOMMODATIONS

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1. CHARGE, ACCOMPANIED BY KING GRAIN COMMANDER AND ACTING AADO, RAISED SUBJECT OF PERSONNEL ACCOMMODATIONS WITH DROUGHT COORDINATOR DJONOUA SEPT 18. WELL THOUGHT-OUT POINTS MADE IN FIRST REFTEL PARAS 2, 3 AND 4 PRESENTED IN DETAIL. DJONOUA ACKNOWLEDGED TARDINESS IN REPLYING TO PREVIOUS PRESENTATION OF SUBJECT (AMONG OTHERS), ADDED THAT CALCULATIONS WERE PRESENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN AND HE SHOULD SHORTLY HAVE FINAL POSITION TO PRESENT TO CHARGE. CHARGE SUGGESTED MEETING MONDAY, 23 SEPT TO DISCUSS SUBJECT, IN WHICH DJONOUA ACQUIESCED.

2. SCHEDULED MEETING 23 SEPT DELAYED TO 24 SEPT. CHARGE AND KING GRAIN COMMANDER AGAIN RAISED QUESTION PERSONNEL ACCOMMODATIONS. MINISTER DJONOUA EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT CHARGE HAD NOT ALREADY RECEIVED LETTER SUPPOSEDLY SENT HIM BY DJONOUA ON THIS SUBJECT. PROMISED THAT HE WOULD HAVE STAFF EXAMINE FILES TO SEE WHEN LETTER DELIVERED AND/OR WOULD SEND COPY BY 25 SEPT.

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3. COMMENT: WELL AWARE THAT WE TROTting DOWN GARDEN PATH OF

CONSIDERABLE LENGTH, BUT I THINK DJONOUA GRADUALLY FOCUSING ON FACT THAT WE ARE QUITE SERIOUS. WITH FOREIGN MINISTER HEADING FOR UNGA AND MINISTER OF STATE AND PLANNING LAMANA ALREADY DEPARTED NDJAMENA EN ROUTE IMF/IBRD MEETING I DO NOT SEE OTHER APPROPRIATE AVENUES OF APPROACH FOR THE PRESENT SHORT OF PRESIDENCY, AND I AM NOT SURE THAT LATTER APPROACH WOULD BE WISE AT THIS TIME. DJONOUA'S PROBLEM IS THAT HE LACKS SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY AND PERHAPS WILL TO, IN EFFECT, CHANNEL MAJOR PORTION REVENUES OF THE LARGER OF ONLY TWO FIRST-CLASS HOTELS IN NDJAMENA TO DROUGHT RELIEF PURPOSES. WHEREAS LAST YEAR WE WERE SPEAKING OF 18 MEN FOR ONE MONTH, WE ARE NOW TALKING ABOUT 42 MEN FOR 45 DAYS PLUS ANOTHER INCREMENT IF AND WHEN THIRD AIRPLANE TO BE UTILIZED. THEREFORE I AM THINKING OF FORMULA WHEREBY GOC WOULD PAY MORE THAN LAST YEAR BUT LESS THAN TOTAL COSTS. IF DJONOUA LETTER UNACCEPTABLE, I PROPOSE SUGGESTING TO HIM THAT WE SPLIT COST OF ROOMS HALF AND HALF, BUT SETTling FOR REDUCTION 25 PERCENT AT LEAST. LATTER SHOULD STILL INSURE GOC CONTRIBUTION GREATER THAN LAST YEAR. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF FORMULA ACCEPTABLE.

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